

Atty Docket: 240854US2DIV
Inventor: Kuniaki TANAKA, et al.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 36-55, 73-85, 95, 99 and 100 are presently active in this case. Claims 1-35, 56-72, 86-94, 96-98 having been canceled without prejudiced. Claims 36, 73, 80, 95, 99, and 100 having been amended by the present amendment.

The present preliminary amendment rewrites a number of the original dependent claims in independent form, and as such is not believed to raise any issue of new matter.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 36-55, 73-85, 95, 99 and 100 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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